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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 180493 ACTION BELGRADE INFO
ZAGREB ATHENS ANKARA NICOSIA LONDON GENEVA AUGUST 16
AND REPEATED TO NATO ON AUGUST 19.

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS CR

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1. YUGO AMB. GRANFIL CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON DEP. ASST.
SEC. STABLER AUGUST 15 TO DISCUSS THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE CYPRUS SITUATION. AFTER REITERATING GOY'S DEEP
CONCERN ABOUT EVENTS IN CYPRUS, GRANFIL REQUESTED THAT
STABLER REVIEW PRESENT SITUATION FROM STANDPOINTS OF RECENT
DEVELOPMENTS ON ISLAND, STEPS U.S. IS TAKING IN LIGHT OF
NEW CONFLICT, AND PROSPECTS FOR FULFILLMENT OF UNSC RESOLU-
TION 353.

2. OVERALL U.S. POLICY: STABLER OBSERVED THAT THROUGHOUT
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PAST FOUR AND ONE-HALF WEEKS BASIC ELEMENTS OF U.S. APPROACH

TO CYPRUS PROBLEM HAVE REMAINED CONSTANT. STRIVING ALWAYS TO RESTORE PEACE AND STABILITY TO EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AREA WE HAVE TRIED TO ENCOURAGE THE PARTIES THEMSELVES TO FIND A SOLUTION BOTH CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES COULD LIVE WITH. WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY TAKEN POSITION THAT NO SOLUTION SHOULD BE IMPOSED FROM OUTSIDE AND HAVE WORKED TO AVOID SITUATION IN WHICH ANY PARTY FELT CORNERED. (STABLER EMPHASIZED THAT U.S. HAS NO BLUEPRINT FOR FUTURE OF CYPRUS AND HAS NOT TILTED IN FAVOR OF ANY PARTY.) U.AGM AS SUPPORTED THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS AS A SOVEREIGN STATE. WE HAVE WORKED FOR THE CESSATION FOR MILITARY ACTIONS AND THE PROMOTION OF NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN

THE PARTIES AS ILLUSTRATED BY OUR SUPPORT OF EFFORTS IN THE UNSC AND BOTH STAGES OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE HAVE STOOD READY TO RENDER ANY ASSISTANCE THE PARTIES BELIEVED USEFUL. IT HAS ALSO BEEN OUR HOPE THAT THE RIGHTS OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY WOULD, ONCE THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES HAVE BEEN RESOLVED, BE MORE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED THAN BEFORE.

3. U.S. REACTION TO THE RENEWED ARMED CONFLICT: U.S. DID NOT WANT TO SEE TURKISH GOVERNMENT IMPOSE ANY DEAD-LINE ON GENEVA NEGOTIATION AND DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PERSUADE TURKEY NOT TO UNDERTAKE NEW MILITARY ACTION. UNFORTUNATELY, TURKEY DECIDED IT COULD NOT WAIT ANY LONGER AND RESUMED MILITARY OPERATIONS. IN OUR PUBLIC STATEMENTS OVER THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS WE HAD MADE IT CLEAR WE REGARDED THE RENEWED MILITARY ACTION AS UNJUSTIFIED AND DEPLORED IT. NEVERTHELESS, WE MUST FACE REALISTICALLY THE NEW SITUATION WHICH NOW EXISTS ON CYPRUS. IN OUR VIEW THE AVENUES OF DIPLOMACY HAVE NOT BEEN EXHAUSTED. WE CONTINUE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH ALL THE PARTIES, INCLUDING THE UK AS ONE OF THE GUARANTOR POWERS, TO URGE THE CESSATION OF FIGHTING AND RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS.

4. PRESENT SITUATION IN CYPRUS: STABLER REPORTED THAT AS OF AUGUST 15 TURKISH UNITS HAD REACHED FAMAGUSTA AND THAT SOME OF THEM WERE MOVING NORTHWARD UP THE COAST
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AND INTO THE KARPAS PENINSULA. HE ALSO INDICATED THERE HAD APPARENTLY BEEN TURKISH AIRSTRIKES ON MORPHOU. GRANFIL REFERRED TO PRESS REPORTS THAT TURKEY DESIRED TO OCCUPY THE NORTHERN THIRD OF THE ISLAND AND ASKED IF STABLER THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THE TURKS MIGHT DESIRE TO TAKE OVER THE WHOLE ISLAND. STABLER OBSERVED THAT THE TURKS HAD DECLARED OPENLY THEIR DESIRE TO TAKE OVER ONE-THIRD OF THE ISLAND.

-- GRANFIL ALSO ASKED IF U.S. EXPECTED THAT NEW GREEK ARMY UNITS MIGHT TRY TO ENTER CYPRUS VIA TERRITORY NOT CONTROLLED BY TURKS. AFTER EMPHASIZING THAT U.S. HAS NO SPECIAL INFORMATION, STABLER SAID HE WOULD BE SURPRISED IF GREEKS WOULD DO SO AT THIS POINT SINCE THEY HAD NOT DONE SO EARLIER.

5. GRANFIL OUTLINED CURRENT GOY POSITION ON CYPRUS AS FOLLOWS. YUGOSLAVIA FULLY SUPPORTS UNSC 353 AND EXPECTS THAT IN DUE COURSE IT WILL BE FULFILLED. NEWLY INTRODUCED TROOPS MUST EVENTUALLY BE WITHDRAWN, AND UNITY, INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF CYPRUS RESTORED. YUGOSLAVIA AGREES, HOWEVER, THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO

FIND "A MORE EQUAL POSITION" FOR EACH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. YUGOSLAVIA IS ESPECIALLY UNHAPPY THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF A NON-ALIGNED COUNTRY HAS BEEN ENDANGERED.

6. GRANFIL OBSERVED THAT THE "NEW, DEMOCRATIC" GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS IN A PRECARIOUS SITUATION AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT ITS FUTURE. STABLER SAID THAT PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS HAD SHOWN GREAT STATESMANSHIP IN DEALING WITH A SITUATION WHICH WAS NOT OF HIS MAKING. STABLER POINTED TO U.S. STATEMENT IN UNSC (AUGUST 14) PAYING TRIBUTE TO NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT AND WARM MESSAGE FORMER U.S. PRESIDENT HAD SENT KARAMANLIS.

7. GRANFIL ASKED STABLER'S VIEW OF THE MEANING OF KARAMANLIS' STATEMENT THAT GOG IS WITHDRAWING MILITARILY FROM NATO; WAS THIS MERELY A TACTICAL MOVE OR DID IT REPRESENT CONSIDERED GOG POSITION? STABLER REPLIED THAT HE SIMPLY COULD NOT SPEAK FOR THE GOG. GIVEN THE PRESENT

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FRUSTRATION AND IRRITATION THE GREEKS MUST FEEL, KARAMANLIS' STATEMENT IS AN UNDERSTANDABLE ACTION. U.S. REGRETS IT AND HOPES THE GOG WILL RECONSIDER. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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